

the age of 16. Becoming the first member in his family to graduate both high school and college, Morris obtained his Bachelors Degree in History from the City College of New York and graduated with a commission as Second Lieutenant of the ROTC.

In 1936, Morris met and married Vera Rothman, with whom he celebrated his seventy-second wedding anniversary in 2008 before her passing. Morris and Vera lived in Astoria, Queens, in a one-bedroom apartment. They not only raised their three children—Sheldon, Benjamin and Roselyn—there, but Morris also operated his tax practice from the apartment on the weekends. In 1954, the family moved to a three-bedroom single-family home in Flushing, Queens.

To support his family, Morris worked in excess of sixty hours per week, holding at minimum three jobs at any given time. For over 40 years he served as an Investigator/Inspector for the New York State Department of Agriculture, spearheading many investigations of major consequence in the Jewish and secular communities throughout New York State.

Through out his life, Morris has always strongly identified with his Jewish heritage. A strong believer in "giving back" to the community, he played a vital role in creating and maintaining the Queensborough Hill Jewish Center, a house of worship and education for his community. He served as a member of the Executive Board and Board of Trustees, including President and Treasurer, at the Synagogue. He also served as the long-term Financial Secretary and then President of the Hrubishower Sick & Benevolent Society; and was a member of the Queensborough Hill Synagogues Men's Club.

After suffering a hip injury in 2002, Morris and his wife moved to an independent living facility in Huntington Terrace, NY, where he currently resides. A member of the South Huntington Jewish Center in Melville, he serves as President of the "Residents Board" at Huntington Terrace/Brandywine Senior Living.

Morris will be celebrating his 100th birthday with his children, Sheldon, Benjamin and his wife Judy Sharmat, Roselyn and her husband Edward Rudofsky; with his grandchildren and their spouses, Lee Rudofsky, Gayle Rudofsky, Steven Fein, Leonard Fein, Dr. Samuel Sharmat, Soraya, Juliana and Alissa; and with his great grandchildren, Ethan Fein, Jim Fein, and Sophia Sharmat.

Madam Speaker, I call on all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to rise and join me now in extending our congratulations to Morris Fein on the grand occasion of his 100th birthday.

IN HONOR OF AQUILINO ZARAZÚA

HON. SAM FARR

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Aquilino Zarazúa of Carmel Valley, California. Aquilino was an extraordinary man whose infectious smile and peaceful demeanor comforted all those who came into contact with him. Aquilino passed away on September 12, 2009, at age 91, leaving behind an inspiring success story for many immigrant families to emulate.

Aquilino was born on January 4, 1918, in the small town of Santa Catarina, Guanajuato, in central Mexico. When Aquilino was quite young, his mother passed away leaving six children without their mother. Aquilino was the eldest sibling and so he became his father Quintil's trusted companion in raising the family. Aquilino eventually left Santa Catarina to search for other opportunities in neighboring towns and cities and years later made his way to the United States.

In 1945 Aquilino arrived in Chualar, California, as part of the Bracero or guest worker program. The work was arduous and strenuous but Aquilino was determined to persevere and succeed. Aquilino would often state that he would never return to his home town in worse shape than when he left; to do so would be shameful. Later Aquilino would travel to Jalisco, Mexico, with his friend Angel De León, the cook from the labor camp. Some time thereafter Aquilino decided to marry the cook's daughter, Ampelia De León.

Aquilino and Ampelia had three daughters in the United States, all of whom graduated from college. Aquilino instilled in his daughters the value of a formal education and was extremely proud to attend their college graduations. One of his biggest fears was that his daughters would be relegated to toiling in agricultural fields or undertaking menial labor to earn a living. He taught them that a formal education was the only path out of the poverty and limited employment options which many immigrant families had endured.

Aquilino could speak little English, yet he was precise in communicating his thoughts and feelings. His generous and sincere smile would always welcome you and make you feel significant and strong. Aquilino will be remembered for his gentle manner and honesty; his devotion to his family and friends; and his keen ability to impart compassion and understanding to everyone he met.

Madam Speaker, Aquilino Zarazúa has left a legacy in Monterey County and has inspired many immigrant fathers and families to seek a better life for their children. Thanks to Aquilino we know that the greatest inheritance a child can receive is a father's sense of values and compassion for others. I am certain I speak for the entire House in extending our heartfelt sympathy to Aquilino's wife Ampelia and his daughters Albertina, Blanca and Gladys.

**LIEUTENANT COLONEL JUANITA
WARMAN**

HON. C. A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise before you today to honor the life of Lieutenant Colonel Juanita Warman who died honorably serving her country.

Since 2008, LTC Warman has volunteered with the Maryland National Guard's reintegration program, a program designed to help soldiers returning from Iraq and Afghanistan with a variety of issues. She served a year overseas at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, the Army facility where those injured in Afghanistan and Iraq are treated before being sent stateside for further medical care. She regularly volunteered for round-trip

flights to Iraq to care for soldiers being sent to Landstuhl. Warman was preparing for deployment to Iraq at the time of her death.

A graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Warman was a certified psychiatric nurse practitioner whose military career spanned more than two decades in active duty and Army reserves. Prior to her exceptional work with the Maryland National Guard, LTC Warman had a civilian practice at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. She was an expert in post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury. Warman also worked at a Veterans Administration facility in Perryville, Maryland.

I commend LTC Warman for her extraordinary commitment to both our country and her fellow service members. She touched the lives of many due to her outstanding sense of volunteerism, unwavering bravery, and dedication to making a difference.

Madam Speaker, I ask that you join with me today to honor the life of Lieutenant Colonel Juanita Warman. The distinguished service Lieutenant Colonel Warman has shown to our country will forever reverberate in our memories. It gives me great pride to honor one of our nation's fallen heroes.

**RECOGNIZING THE COURAGE AND
STRENGTH OF MICHAEL BREWER**

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor 15-year-old Michael Brewer of Deerfield Beach, Florida, whose courage and strength defy the atrocious attack he has endured. Michael sustained burns to over 65 percent of his body after a group of schoolmates set him on fire in an act of cruel revenge. On October 12, 2009, neighborhood bullies Matthew Bent, 15; brothers Denver and Jeremy Jarvis, 15 and 13 respectively; Steven Shelton, 15; and Jesus Mendez, 15; surrounded Michael in the parking lot of Limetree Village Apartments, poured rubbing alcohol on him, and set him on fire with a lighter. Led by Bent, the bullies sought him out and terrorized him for not paying back \$40 borrowed to buy a video game. Michael had called the police the night before the encounter when Bent attempted to steal a \$500 custom bike from Michael's father at their home.

I am truly shocked and outraged by this heinous crime. Michael still remains in critical condition at the University of Miami-Jackson Memorial Hospital Burn Center and will have to endure a long and painful recovery process. A 7th grader at Deerfield Beach Middle School, he has since received hundreds of cards and letters of support from fellow classmates and well-wishers from around the world. My thoughts and prayers go out to Michael, his family, and friends during this most difficult time. It is heartening to hear that Michael's first surgery went well and that his doctors are cautiously optimistic about his recovery.

In addition, I want to commend the South Florida community for coming together to raise money in order to help the Brewer family pay for Michael's medical expenses. During these difficult economic times, these Floridians have shown their true colors by extending a helping

hand to a neighbor in need. In particular, I would like to recognize Neighbors 4 Neighbors for raising more than \$10,000 for Michael, and Broward Sheriff's detective Joe Kessling for his leadership and community activism.

Madam Speaker, we must stop the dangerous values of bullying and violence from being perpetuated in our schools and communities. Young people like Michael deserve a safe educational environment in which they can reach their full potential and become respectful, contributing members of our society.

TWO NEIGHBORS COME TOGETHER

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, for almost two decades, the Republics of Turkey and Armenia have been meeting to discuss a pathway for normalization of relations. These diplomatic discussions were not easy and often involved complicated multi-dimensional implications. However, on October 10th, the two neighbors signed a historic rapprochement, a ceremony which was followed around the globe.

In the two protocols signed, the two nations agreed to establish diplomatic relations, normalize their bilateral relations in all aspects, open their border and create a framework to determine their joint history. This agreement would not only bring stability to the region, it will also provide an example for other nations to come together to resolve their past disputes.

At their signing ceremony, the Turkish and Armenian foreign ministers were joined by foreign dignitaries from the United States, France, Switzerland, Russia, the European Union, and the Council of Europe. While each country's parliament must now ratify these protocols, we should acknowledge the significant progress for these two neighbors.

The U.S. administrations of the past, as well as the current Obama administration, all support the diplomatic discussions between Turkey and Armenia. I want to commend both countries as they move this historic agreement through their respective parliaments.

KOREA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Madam Speaker, when President Obama meets tomorrow with South Korean President Lee Myung-bak, I encourage him to express his strong support for the Korea-U.S. Free Trade Agreement.

Deepening the important economic ties between our countries benefits both sides. Already, Georgia does billions of dollars in trade with Korea each year. For Georgians in the 3rd Congressional District, this relationship with Korea has yielded tangible benefits: thousands of good-paying jobs.

Korean automaker Kia has opened up a production facility in West Point, GA, and

eventually will employ nearly 2,500 people in a region devastated by textile mill closings over the past 30 years. New jobs are always welcome, but they're a lifesaver for many Georgia families as our State suffers with an unemployment rate above 10 percent.

The plant will have a \$6.5 billion economic impact on the local economy, creating up to 20,000 new jobs as a result. Direct Korean investment is bolstering our economy and paying the bills for thousands of families in west Georgia.

Lowering trade barriers between South Korea and the United States will produce more positive outcomes like the Kia plant for communities throughout this nation. Not only will American consumers benefit from cheaper, duty-free products from Korea, but also American businesses will sell more of our products in the Korean market.

In 2007, Georgia businesses exported \$397 million worth of goods to Korea. Removing tariffs on U.S. goods, particularly those competing against protected Korean industries, could significantly increase that number. Agriculture remains my State's No. 1 industry and KORUS FTA would eliminate tariffs and barriers to Georgia farm products such as peanuts, poultry and cotton.

Madam Speaker, for my constituents in Georgia's 3rd Congressional District, the KORUS FTA isn't some academic lecture with line graphs. For Georgians, the benefits are tangible and observable. For the people in West Point, GA, Korean economic investment means jobs. Good jobs. Lots of jobs.

The Congress has dragged its feet on passing this trade deal even though we've seen previous agreements work. In the first four years of the U.S.-Singapore FTA, Georgia's exports to Singapore have grown 212 percent. Since NAFTA went into effect in 1994, Georgia's combined exports to Canada and Mexico have increased by 194 percent and since entry into force of the U.S.-Chile Agreement in 2004, the State's exports to Chile have grown 93 percent.

I encourage President Obama to keep these numbers—these numbers that represent real jobs for real Americans—in mind when he shakes hands with President Lee tomorrow.

GUANTANAMO DETAINEE TRANSFER IMPACT ASSESSMENT ACT

HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, recently, the administration announced it may move up to 215 Al Qaeda terrorists to Illinois. This proposal imposes an unnecessary new risk. We should slow down and answer basic questions.

The facility is only 22 miles from a nuclear reactor. What precautions are taken?

Commissions will be in Illinois—how will we protect the families of judges and jurors?

We learned yesterday that two-thirds of the jobs claimed will be active-duty military. The Bureau of Prisons will hire no one over 37 years old and will hire nationwide, not just Illinois.

The United States spent more than \$50 million to build the state-of-the-art Guantanamo Bay detention facility to keep terrorists from

U.S. soil. Al Qaeda terrorists should stay where they cannot endanger Americans.

Today I introduced the Guantanamo Detainee Transfer Impact Assessment Act of 2009. My legislation prohibits the transfer of terrorists held at Guantanamo Bay to any location in the United States unless the President presents to the State's legislature a "Homeland Insecurity Impact Statement" conducted by the Government Accountability Office, in consultation with the Inspectors General of the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and the legislature then approves the transfer by a majority vote.

I encourage my colleagues to join me in ensuring that a thorough threat and risk assessment is conducted and shared with the elected representatives of the American people before any terrorist from Guantanamo Bay is brought to the United States.

EARMARK DECLARATION

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Mr. SCHOCK. Madam Speaker, in accordance with the Republican adopted standards on earmarks, I submit the below detailed explanation to Replace a Combined Sewer in Peoria, Illinois.

Bill Number: H.R. 2996—Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010

Provisions/Account: STAG Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project

Name and Address of Requesting Entity: entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Peoria, located at 419 Fulton Street, Peoria, Illinois 61602.

Description of Request: This project is intended to control combined sewer overflows along Spring Street. This is part of a larger community initiative which the City of Peoria has committed \$127 million towards.

A TRIBUTE TO THE COAST GUARD AND MARINE CORPS PILOTS AND CREWMEMBERS LOST ON OCTOBER 29, 2009

HON. DANIEL E. LUNGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Coast Guard and Marine Corps pilots and crewmembers lost off the coast of California on October 29, 2009.

On the evening of October 29, 2009, a Coast Guard C-130 based out of Sacramento in California's Third Congressional District was suspected to have collided with a Marine Corps AH-1W Super Cobra.

The following crew members of the Coast Guard C-130 are missing and presumed to have lost their lives in the line of duty: Lt. Cmdr. Che J. Barnes of Capay, California; Lt. Adam W. Bryant, of Crewe, Virginia; Chief Petty Officer John F. Seidman of Stockton,